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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--December 1988

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Delegations from South Africa, Angola, Cuba, and the United States went again to Brazzaville, Congo on the 1st, and the bureau covered the final round of the Quadripartite talks on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and the independence of Namibia. After several hesitations and consultation trips — mostly on the issue of verification — a "Brazzaville protocol" was finally signed the 13th. A more formal agreement was signed at the United Nations in New York on the 22d.

2. The bureau filed numerous items on the 15th Franco-African summit, which was held in Casablanca, Morocco, on the 15th and 16th.
Among the 22 heads of state present were France's President Mitterrand,
Ivory Coast's President Houphouet-Boigny, and Morocco's King Hasan II.

B. Communications

- 1. Telex service was restored to the bureau on the 22d after an outage of almost 7 months. Local speculation is that this may have been PT&T's way of saying Merry Christmas.
- 2. Testing of communications circuit showed that it cannot presently be converted to ASCII. Headquarters requested additional testing, which required that the system be taken down for most of the day on the 13th.

C. <u>Technical</u>

The bureau received two equipment racks, a three-gang stabaline step-down transformer and control unit, two Sharp TV/monitor units, and two VCR's from Nicosia.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Building and Grounds'

1. The Embassy's Office of Communications this month installed a new telephone exchange system at the bureau. We now have eight handsets and an intercomm system. Additional outside lines have also been requested.

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